

Dear Music Parents/Guardians,

The Washington Junior High School music performance faculty welcomes you and your students to an exciting year. The main objectives of the music program are to encourage musical growth and provide a lifelong creative outlet for our students. These objectives can only be met with cooperation among students, teachers, and parents. Therefore, please read the following information very carefully.

REHEARSALS & MEETING TIMES:

Students who are enrolled in ONE performance music ensemble (Band, Choir, or Orchestra) will meet **every day during the class period listed on their school schedule.**

For students involved in multiple performance ensembles, we will follow an **alternating A and B day schedule**. On A days, students will attend Band/Orchestra and on B days, students will attend Choir. The A Week and B Week schedules will be posted outside each music room and will also be available on students' Google Classrooms.

PARTICIPATION IN PERFORMING ORGANIZATIONS – Enrollment in Band, Orchestra, and Choir is a voluntary parent-student commitment to a performing organization that signifies special musical interest and motivation. It also means acceptance of the responsibility to support the performance team by recognizing and fulfilling these conditions:

1. **Band, orchestra, and choir are full year classes.** Once enrolled, students will be expected to remain in their performance classes throughout the school year, unless excused by the director.
2. Students and/or parents should address all questions regarding participation in or attendance to specific performance classes to the **director**.
3. Students are responsible for the folder and music issued to them.

PERFORMANCES – Performances are a chance for students to show what they have learned in class, and provides an opportunity for the students to demonstrate musical growth and talent. **Participation in all performances is required of every student enrolled in a music performance class and counts as their summative assessment. If, due to extenuating circumstances, a student is to be absent from a performance, the director must be notified by the parents at the earliest possible time, but always before the performance.** Absences are excused at the discretion of the director. If an emergency occurs on the day of performance, parents must call the school that day and leave a message, or call the director personally.

CONCERT DRESS – All students are expected to wear **BLACK** pants (no sweats or leggings) or **BLACK** skirt/dress (knee length or longer), an **ALL WHITE** shirt, and **BLACK** shoes and socks. It is important that we look unified and professional. Therefore, everyone is expected to wear the proper concert attire and grades may be affected if students do not wear the proper attire.

The Washington music faculty is very pleased that your child is participating in one or more of the WJHS music performance classes, thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

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WASHINGTON JUNIOR HIGH MUSIC

CALENDAR 2026-2027

Wednesday, October 28	Fall Band Concert (Concert & Symphonic Bands)	7:30 PM
Thursday, October 29	Fall Orchestra Concert (All Orchestra Students)	7:30 PM
Wednesday, November 4	Fall Choral Concert (All Choir Students)	7:30 PM
Thursday, November 5	North Side Orchestra Concert (8th grade Orchestra students to NNHS)	7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 10	Northside Band Festival at NNHS (8th grade Band)	7:00 PM
Thursday, February 11	Winter Spectrum Concert (ALL Band/Orchestra/Choir Students)	7:30 PM
Saturday, February 20	Solo/Ensemble Contest at LJHS (Band & Orchestra)	TBA (Between 8:00am and 12:30pm)
Friday, March 19	WJHS Musical	7:30 PM
Saturday, March 20	WJHS Musical	2:00 PM
Thursday, March 25	Grade School Tour (Jazz Ensemble, String Fusion, WaVE)	8:30 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday, April 27	WJHS Band Festival (Ellsworth, Naper, Prairie, & WJHS Symphonic Band)	7:30 PM
Thursday, April 29	WJHS Spring Orchestra Concert (4th - 8th grade Orchestra)	7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 5	Spring Band Concert (Concert Band & Jazz Bands)	7:30 PM
Thursday, May 6	Spring Choir Concert (ALL Choir Students)	7:30 PM

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